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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,16 and 18-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,16 and 18-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed November 8th, 2007. Claims 1, 3-14, 16, and 18-39 are pending. In the amendment filed November 8th, 2007, Claims 1, 16, 32, 33, and 36 are amended, Claims 2, 15, 17, and 40 are canceled, and Claims 1, 16, 32, 33, and 36, independent Claims. The examiner acknowledges that no new matter was introduced and the amended and new claims are supported by the specification. This action is made FINAL.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed November 8th, 2007 with respect to Claims 1, 3-14, 16, and 18-39 have been fully considered but some are not persuasive.

3. As to the applicant's arguments with respect to exemplary Claim 1 (including Claims 1, 16, 32, and 36) for the prior art(s) allegedly not teaching or suggesting "determining which of the information that is descriptive of the occurrence of the event to put into the entry as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" the examiner respectfully disagrees. Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 was used to reject the limitation. In the cited sections Microsoft, Microsoft teaches that different levels of logging/tracing (page level vs. application level logging/tracing). These different modes of tracing provide for different levels of verbosity in logging/tracing. Settings need to be changed in order for the different levels of tracing to be enabled (such as the configuration file (web.config) on page 5). Based on these settings, Microsoft determines whether or not to log/trace

the occurrence of some events. This is "determining which of the information that is descriptive of the occurrence of the event to put into the entry" while the settings themselves are "a function of a predetermined level of verbosity." Microsoft, page 6 also teaches a "view details" link which can be construed as determining a level of verbosity by viewing additional details of requests made. As such, the cited sections of Microsoft appear to teach at least the limitations as claimed.

4. As to the applicant's arguments with respect to exemplary Claim 33 (including Claims 1, 16, 32, and 36) for the prior art(s) allegedly not teaching or suggesting "wherein the traces include information that is descriptive of events which occur during the servicing of the Web request, and wherein the information to be included in the traces is determined in part as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" the examiner respectfully disagrees. The argued limitation of "and wherein the information to be included in the traces is determined in part as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" has been met by the above argument. As for the "wherein the traces include information that is descriptive of events which occur during the servicing of the Web request" argued limitation, Microsoft, pgs. 6-8 were used to teach this limitation. Microsoft, pgs. 6-8 teach about the detailed information that the trace application can present (so this information is logged/traced) for each request. This information includes information such as session ID, time of request, status code, request type (get|post), request encoding, and response encoding. The receiving of the request is an event occurring during the servicing of a request. Also, In order to service the request properly, the computer need to identify the type of request it is (get or post),

parsing the request. This is information that is descriptive of events that occurred during the servicing of the Web request. Microsoft, pgs. 6-8 also teach several other types of information which can be construed as information that is descriptive of events which occur during the servicing of the Web request. As such, the cited sections of Microsoft appear to teach at least the limitations as claimed.

5. The other claims argued merely because of a dependency on a previously argued claim(s) in the arguments presented to the examiner, filed November 8th, 2007, are moot in view of the examiner's interpretation of the claims and art and are still considered rejected based on their respective rejections from at least a prior Office action (part(s) of recited again below).

Response to Amendment

Claim Objections

In light of the applicant's respective arguments or respective amendments, the previous claim objections to the claims have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

In light of the applicant's respective arguments or respective amendments, the previous 35 USC § 112 rejections to the claims have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

8. Claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft, Tracing Overview, 2002, pages 1-8 (Microsoft) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,927 (Schaefer et al.), further in view of "Log Explorer Walkthrough", 2002, pages 1-20 (LogExplorer).

For **Claim 1**, Microsoft teaches: "A method comprising:

- servicing a Web request from a Web application; [Microsoft, p. 1]
- ...detecting the occurrence of an event in the servicing of the Web request; [Microsoft, p. 6 i.e., an event in the trace category] and

- logging an entry in a trace log, [Microsoft, p. 6] wherein the entry includes:
 - information descriptive of the occurrence of the event in the servicing of the Web request; [Microsoft, pgs. 6-8] and
 - the GUID corresponding to the Web request; [Microsoft, p. 6] and
- determining which of the information that is descriptive of the occurrence of the event to put into the entry as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Microsoft discloses the above limitations but does not expressly teach:

- "...associating a Globally Unique Identifier (GUID) with the Web request, wherein events which happen during servicing of the Web request can be identified by the GUID which is logged with each of the events."

With respect to Claim 1, an analogous art, Schaefer, teaches:

- "...associating a Globally Unique Identifier (GUID) with the Web request" [Schaefer, col. 9, lines 8-9].
- With respect to Claim 1, an analogous art, LogExplorer, teaches:
- "...wherein events which happen during servicing of the Web request can be identified by the GUID which is logged with each of the events" [LogExplorer, p. 5, colored Transld's with LogExplorer, pgs. 6-7 with Microsoft, p. 6].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and LogExplorer and Microsoft before him/her to combine Schaefer and LogExplorer with Microsoft because the inventions are directed towards logging activities.

Schaefer's and LogExplorer's inventions would have been expected to successfully work well with Microsoft's invention because the inventions use logs containing similar data. Microsoft discloses a way of tracing application usage comprising tracing and logging activities of web applications. However, Microsoft does not expressly disclose the ability to identify events of a web request by an ID (or GUID). Schaefer discloses methods and apparatus for enabling a component in a first transaction processing environment to access a resource in another environment that is under the control of an XATMI compliant transaction manager comprising a GUID with a transaction. LogExplorer discloses a program that tracks requests to a database comprising the ability to browse, export, report, and filter log data.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and LogExplorer and Microsoft before him/her to take the GUID from Schaefer and the log details and appearance from LogExplorer and install them into the invention of Microsoft, thereby offering the obvious advantage of easily being able to identify all the events occurring within a transaction/request by seeing the same colors associated with the same transaction/request GUID. GUID's are advantageous to use because they can represent up to 3.4×10^{38} different numbers/requests (by being 128 bits (or 16 bytes) in length by nature). For applications having many requests/transactions, this can be useful so as not to run out of identifiers for requests/transactions.

Claim 3 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the entry is logged in the trace

log during the servicing of the Web request only when the event is selected from the group consisting of:

- the event occurs within the context of a predetermined Universal Resource Locator (URL);
- the event pertains of the functionality of authentication;
- the event pertains of the functionality of security;
- the event pertains of the functionality of compression;
- the event pertains of the functionality of a Common Gateway Interface (CGI);
- the event pertains of the functionality of one or more filters; and
- the event is a predetermined event" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 4 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein:

- the entry is logged in the trace log during the servicing of the Web request only when the event pertains to a predetermined filter; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 i.e. trace property or trace context is defined in the configuration file] and
- the information includes data going into the predetermined filter and data coming out of the predetermined filter" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 5 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein:

- the servicing of the Web request from the Web application comprises executing the Web application that is running on or interfacing with a server that is servicing the Web request; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8]

- the detecting of the occurrence of the event in the servicing of the Web request comprises detecting the occurrence of the event in the execution of the Web application that is running on or interfacing with the server; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] and
- the information descriptive of the occurrence of the event in the servicing of the Web request comprises the occurrence of the event in the execution of the Web application” [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 6 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: “ The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the detecting and the logging are performed by one or more components of the operating system of a server” [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 7 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: “The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein:

- the server services the Web request from the Web application; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8]
- the operating system of the server includes one or more Application Program Interfaces (APIs); [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8]
- the Web application is executed by, or interfaces with, the server; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8]
- the Web application interfaces with at least one said API to log a Web application event as a Web application entry in the trace log; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8]

- the Web application event occurs within the Web application itself; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] and
- the Web application entry includes:
 - information descriptive of the occurrence of the Web application event in the servicing of the Web request by the server when the Web application is running on, or interfacing with, the server; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] and
 - the GUID (i.e., Microsoft's session id associated with the web request with Schaefer's GUID) corresponding to the Web request" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 8 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein:

- a server having an operating system services the Web request from the Web application; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] and
- at least one of the detecting and the logging are performed by one or more server applications that are executed by the server" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 9's limitation(s) have already been met by Claim 7's limitation(s).

Therefore, Claim 9 is rejected for the same reason(s) as stated above with respect to Claim 7.

Claim 10 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the logging of the entry in the trace log is in response to the detecting of the occurrence of the event in the servicing of the Web request" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 11 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, further comprising generating a report containing at least a portion of the information in each said entry for which the GUID in the entry matches a supplied ID" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 i.e., Microsoft teaches using a database to store trace log information and reporting is an essential feature of any database with LogExplorer, pgs. 17-18].

Claim 12 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 11, wherein:

- each said entry is in a binary format; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8, all database management system keeps data in binary format internally since they are on computers] and
- the generating of the report further comprises using a GUID corresponding to each said event to map the binary format of each said entry into an event description that is in a format that is human readable" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 with LogExplorer, pgs. 17-18 and Schaefer, col. 9, lines 8-9].

Claim 13 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the GUID is the first portion of the entry" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 i.e. the ID is part of the trace record information, first mentioned].

Claim 14 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the GUID is

unique to the Web request with respect to other said Web requests, and wherein the GUID is 128 bit" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 with Schaefer, col. 20, lines 40-42].

Claim 16 encompasses substantially the same scope of the invention as that of Claim 1, in addition to a computer-readable medium and some instructions for performing the method steps of Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 16 is rejected for the same reasons as stated above with respect to Claim 1. Additionally, Claim 16 has another limitation not found in Claim 1 but is also taught by the references: "...with a server from a Web application that is executing on the server, wherein during the servicing multiple logger streams are simultaneously active to log the events as the Web request is being serviced by the server" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8, specifically, pgs. 5-6 with LogExplorer, p. 3].

LogExplorer's invention would have been expected to successfully work well with Microsoft's invention because the inventions use logs containing similar data logging activities. Microsoft discloses a way of tracing application usage comprising tracing and logging activities of web applications. However, Microsoft does not explicitly disclose multiple logger streams. LogExplorer discloses a program that tracks requests to a database comprising the ability to browse, export, report, and filter multiple log's log data.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of LogExplorer and Microsoft before him/her to take the multiple logs from LogExplorer and install it into the invention of Microsoft, thereby offering the obvious advantage of presenting a single virtual log file including transactions from all the log files/streams included.

The reasoning to modify/combine the references above supplements the reasoning given in Claim 1.

Claims 18 and 19's limitation(s) have already been met by Claims 3 and 4's limitation(s), respectfully. Therefore, Claims 18 and 19 are rejected for the same reason(s) as stated above with respect to Claims 3 and 4, respectfully.

Claim 20 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The computer-readable medium as defined in Claim 16, wherein the steps further comprise at least one of:

- activating the logging when the logging is deactivated; [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] and
- deactivating the logging when the logging is activated" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 21 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The computer-readable medium as defined in Claim 20, wherein the activating and the deactivating are performed remotely from the server" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 with LogExplorer, p. 3].

Claim 22 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The computer-readable medium as defined in Claim 20 wherein the trace log is in remote location from the server" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 with LogExplorer, p. 3].

Claims 23-30's limitation(s) have already been met by Claims 6-13's limitation(s), respectfully. Therefore, Claims 23-30 are rejected for the same reason(s) as stated above with respect to Claims 6-13, respectfully.

Claim 31 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The computer-readable medium as defined in Claim 16, wherein the Web request GUID is unique to the Web request with respect to other said Web requests, [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8 with Schaefer, col. 9, lines 8-9] and wherein the Web request is for at least one of: a static file; a Common Gateway Interface (CGI); an active server page (ASP)" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claim 34 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer) as follows: "The network environment as defined in Claim 33, further comprising multiple simultaneously active logger streams that are concurrently running on the server and that are each trace-enabled" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8, specifically, pgs. 5-6 with LogExplorer, p. 3].

LogExplorer's invention would have been expected to successfully work well with Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer)'s invention because the inventions use logs containing similar data logging activities. Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer) discloses a way of tracing application usage comprising tracing and logging activities of web applications. However, Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer) does not explicitly disclose multiple logger streams. LogExplorer discloses a program that tracks requests to a database comprising the ability to browse, export, report, and filter multiple log's log data.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of LogExplorer and Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer) before him/her to take the multiple logs from LogExplorer and install it into the invention of Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer), thereby offering the obvious advantage of

presenting a single virtual log file including transactions from all the log files/streams included.

Claim 35 can be mapped to Microsoft (as modified by Schaefer and LogExplorer) as follows: "The network environment as defined in Claim 34, wherein the server returns each said trace from the multiple logger streams to a corresponding said trace-enabled Web application for which the Web request there from was serviced by the server" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Claims 36-39 encompass substantially the same scope of the invention as that of Claims 1-4, respectfully, in addition to a server module and some logic for performing the method steps of Claims 1-4, respectfully. Therefore, Claims 36-39 are rejected for the same reasons as stated above with respect to Claims 1-4, respectfully.

9. Claims 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft, Tracing Overview, 2002, pages 1-8 (Microsoft) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,927 (Schaefer et al.).

For **Claim 32**, Microsoft teaches: "A facility for tracing a Web request on a network, the facility comprising:

- identifying means for identifying when a predetermined event occurs in a predetermined Web request when the predetermined Web request is being serviced; [Microsoft, p. 6 i.e., an event in the trace category] and

- a logging means, in communication with the identifying means, for logging the event in a trace log as the event happens, [Microsoft, p. 6] wherein the log of the event includes:
- and information descriptive of the occurrence of the event when the predetermined Web request is being serviced; [Microsoft, pgs. 6-8]
- wherein the logging means is further for determining which of the information that is descriptive of the occurrence of the event to put into the entry in the trace log as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Microsoft discloses the above limitations but does not expressly teach:

- "...a GUID corresponding to the predetermined Web request."

With respect to Claim 32, an analogous art, Schaefer, teaches:

- "...a GUID corresponding to the predetermined Web request" [Schaefer, col. 9, lines 8-9 with Microsoft, p. 6].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and Microsoft before him/her to combine Schaefer with Microsoft because both inventions are directed towards logging activities.

Schaefer's invention would have been expected to successfully work well with Microsoft's invention because both inventions use logs containing similar data.

Microsoft discloses a way of tracing application usage comprising tracing and logging activities of web applications. However, Microsoft does not expressly disclose the ability to identify events of a web request by an ID (or GUID). Schaefer discloses methods and apparatus for enabling a component in a first transaction processing

environment to access a resource in another environment that is under the control of an XATMI compliant transaction manager comprising a GUID with a transaction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and Microsoft before him/her to take the GUID from Schaefer and install it into the invention of Microsoft, thereby offering the obvious advantage of representing up to 3.4×10^{38} different numbers/requests (by being 128 bits (or 16 bytes) in length by nature). For applications having many requests/transactions, this can be useful so as not to run out of identifiers for requests/transactions.

For **Claim 33**, Microsoft teaches: "A network environment comprising a server servicing Web requests from a Web application [Microsoft, p. 1] while performing Web request-based tracing to produce traces [Microsoft, p. 6] ... and to flow each GUID from the server across to the application, [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8] wherein the traces include information that is descriptive of events which occur during the servicing of the Web request, [Microsoft, pgs. 6-8] and wherein the information to be included in the traces is determined in part as a function of a predetermined level of verbosity" [Microsoft, pgs. 1-8].

Microsoft discloses the above limitations but does not expressly teach: "...that include a GUID for each Web request."

With respect to Claim 33, an analogous art, Schaefer, teaches: "...that include a GUID for each Web request" [Schaefer, col. 9, lines 8-9 with Microsoft, p. 6].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and Microsoft before him/her to combine Schaefer with Microsoft because both inventions are directed towards logging activities.

Schaefer's invention would have been expected to successfully work well with Microsoft's invention because both inventions use logs containing similar data. Microsoft discloses a way of tracing application usage comprising tracing and logging activities of web applications. However, Microsoft does not expressly disclose the ability to identify events of a web request by an ID (or GUID). Schaefer discloses methods and apparatus for enabling a component in a first transaction processing environment to access a resource in another environment that is under the control of an XATMI compliant transaction manager comprising a GUID with a transaction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention having the teachings of Schaefer and Microsoft before him/her to take the GUID from Schaefer and install it into the invention of Microsoft, thereby offering the obvious advantage of representing up to 3.4×10^{38} different numbers/requests (by being 128 bits (or 16 bytes) in length by nature). For applications having many requests/transactions, this can be useful so as not to run out of identifiers for requests/transactions.

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

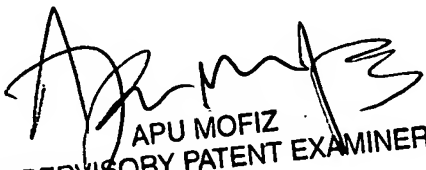
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brent S. Stace whose telephone number is 571-272-8372 and fax number is 571-273-8372. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-5:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu M. Mofiz can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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